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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TW

SUBJECT: F-5A ENGINES

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. AS YOU RECALL, GRC PROVIDED 17 J-85-13 SPARE ENGINES FOR F-5AS AS PART OF ENHANCE PLUS. THESE ENGINES, ALTHOUGH SHIPPED TO VIETNAM, HAVE NEVER BEEN USED NOR HAVE THE ORIGINAL STORAGE CANS BEEN OPENED.

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2. USDAO SAIGON HAS DETERMINED THAT NO REQUIREMENT EXISTS

IN VIETNAM FOR THE ENGINES. ACCORDINGLY, ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING MADE TO RETURN THEM TO ROC.

3. CONCERN HERE IS GRC REACTION, SINCE THEY HAD ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR PAYMENT OF MORE THAN FOUR MILLION DOLLARS EXTRA FOR THE ENGINES AND OTHER MATERIEL AND WERE INFORMED THAT WE CONSIDERED THE TRANSACTION TO BE A PART OF ENHANCE PLUS. RETURNING ENGINES NOW MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY GRC AS A US REACTION TO THEIR CLAIM FOR REPAYMENT.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY/MAAG CONTACT APPROPRIATE GRC OFFICIALS AND EXPLAIN THAT ENGINES NO LONGER NEEDED AND ARE BEING RETURNED UNOPENED AND UNTOUCHED. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT THERE NO LONGER IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THESE ENGINES IN VIETNAM AND THAT WE BELIEVE THAT GRC, AS ORIGINAL OWNER, HAS FIRST PRIORITY ON THEM.  
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